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1. On 27 September 1950, three fragments of a location sketch of observation posts were found at the Rathenow (N 53/Z 15) barracks on the road to Senlin. The sketch was signed by Senior Lieutenant Tebyakin (fnu), chief of staff of the II Dn of the 25th Ily How Arty Brig, and indicated that it was made in five copies, one copy for the files, one copy for the headquarters of the artillery regiment and three copies for the units. *

2. On the same day at about 10 a.m. three artillery pieces, apparently 107-mm field howitzers, were moved out of the Rathenow barracks installation, each being pulled by about 20 soldiers.

3. Documents found on the Babitz - Schweinrich (N 54/U 22) highway on 29 September 1950 included:

a. A letter addressed to a soldier [redacted] dated 18 August 1950, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from the Surny Oblast. 25X1 25X1B

b. A letter addressed to a soldier [redacted] dated 20 August 1950, examined by Censorship Office [redacted] and mailed from the Novosibirsk Oblast. 25X1 25X1B

c. A letter addressed to a soldier [redacted] dated 23 August 1950, and examined by Censorship Office [redacted] 25X1 25X1B

d. A fragment of a turn-in slip for laundry, signed by Gds Senior Lieutenant Pronski (fnu), deputy commanding officer in charge of supply affairs. **

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* [redacted] Comment. Only a 25th How Arty Brig was identified during World War II. Neither this brigade nor a 25th Ily How Arty Brig has been identified in the Soviet Zone of Germany since the war. The unit may therefore have been invented for an exercise, possibly conducted by the 18th Ily How Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps. For fragments of original sketch see Annex 1. (forwarded to Army)

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** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirms the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div prior to 23 August 1950.

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